

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
4th Legislative Day
Tuesday, January 13, 2015

The House met according to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Reverend Travis Bush, SouthCoast Community Church, Scarborough.

National Anthem by Cara Kinney, Limington.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Doctor of the day, Lisa Ryan, M.D., Naples.

The Journal of Thursday, January 8, 2015 was read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Following Communication: (H.C. 24)

**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SPEAKER'S OFFICE
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0002**

January 12, 2015

Honorable Robert B. Hunt

Clerk of the House

2 State House Station

Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Clerk Hunt:

Please be advised that pursuant to his authority, Governor Paul R. LePage has nominated the following:

On January 8, 2015

Carlisle J.T. McLean, Esq. of Cumberland for appointment as a Commissioner to the Public Utilities Commission.

Pursuant to Title 35-A, MRSA §105, this appointment is contingent on the Maine Senate confirmation after review by the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology.

Sincerely,

S/Mark W. Eves

Speaker of the House

READ and with accompanying papers **ORDERED PLACED ON FILE.**

PETITIONS, BILLS AND RESOLVES REQUIRING REFERENCE

The following Bills and Resolve were received, and upon the recommendation of the Committee on Reference of Bills were **REFERRED** to the following Committees, ordered printed and sent for concurrence:

APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Eliminate Retirement Benefits and Paid Health Insurance for Legislators Elected after 2016"

(H.P. 15) (L.D. 16)

Sponsored by Representative DUNPHY of Embden.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: CHENETTE of Saco, FARRIN of Norridgewock, HARLOW of Portland, MAKER of Calais, MALABY of Hancock, O'CONNOR of Berwick, SIROCKI of Scarborough, Senator: BURNS of Washington.

EDUCATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Bill "An Act To Restore Programs and Faculty to the University of Maine System" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 16) (L.D. 17)

Sponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BROOKS of Lewiston, HARLOW of Portland, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland.

Resolve, To Review and Audit the University of Maine System's Finances and Governance Practices

(H.P. 17) (L.D. 18)

Sponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representatives: BEAVERS of South Berwick, BROOKS of Lewiston, HARLOW of Portland, MELARAGNO of Auburn, MOONEN of Portland, Senators: ALFOND of Cumberland, BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act Regarding Special Education for Students Enrolled in a Home Instruction Program"

(H.P. 18) (L.D. 19)

Sponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representatives: SANDERSON of Chelsea, SAWICKI of Auburn, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Improve Substance Abuse Treatment"

(H.P. 19) (L.D. 20)

Sponsored by Representative GOODE of Bangor.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Medical Marijuana Laws"

(H.P. 20) (L.D. 21)

Sponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland.

Bill "An Act To Remove from the Maine Medical Use of Marijuana Act the Requirement That a Patient's Medical Condition Be Debilitating"

(H.P. 22) (L.D. 23)

Sponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland.

INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE

Bill "An Act To Require Removal of Mooring Equipment"

(H.P. 21) (L.D. 22)

Sponsored by Representative SHAW of Standish.

Cosponsored by Senator GERZOFKY of Cumberland and Representative: ESPLING of New Gloucester.

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bill "An Act To Create a Public State Bank"

(H.P. 23) (L.D. 24)

Sponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Representative: BEAVERS of South Berwick.

JUDICIARY

Bill "An Act To Protect the Privacy of Citizens from Domestic Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Uses"

(H.P. 24) (L.D. 25)

Sponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin.

LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill "An Act To Increase the Minimum Wage"

(H.P. 34) (L.D. 36)

Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship.

Cosponsored by Senator MIRAMANT of Knox and Representatives: DAUGHTRY of Brunswick, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, JORGENSEN of Portland, MARTIN of Sinclair, SAUCIER of Presque Isle, SHORT of Pittsfield, Senators: GRATWICK of Penobscot, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

TAXATION

Bill "An Act To Simplify the Process for Fuel Tax Rebates" (EMERGENCY)

(H.P. 25) (L.D. 26)

Sponsored by Representative ALLEY of Beals.

Cosponsored by Senator BURNS of Washington and Representatives: FECTION of Biddeford, GILBERT of Jay, GOODE of Bangor, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, LUCHINI of Ellsworth, Senators: DIAMOND of Cumberland, LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Persons 67 Years of Age and Older from the State Income Tax"

(H.P. 26) (L.D. 27)

Sponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester.

Cosponsored by Senator CUSHING of Penobscot and Representatives: CHACE of Durham, FREDETTE of Newport, SANDERSON of Chelsea, SAWICKI of Auburn, SHAW of Standish, SIROCKI of Scarborough.

Bill "An Act To Establish a Local Option Real Estate Transfer Tax"

(H.P. 28) (L.D. 29)

Sponsored by Representative GOODE of Bangor.

Cosponsored by Senator LIBBY of Androscoggin.

Bill "An Act To Exempt Fuel Used by Commercial Farmers from Sales Tax"

(H.P. 29) (L.D. 30)

Sponsored by Representative PIERCE of Dresden.

Cosponsored by Senator CYRWAY of Kennebec and Representatives: BATTLE of South Portland, DOORE of Augusta, HICKMAN of Winthrop, McCABE of Skowhegan, WOOD of Sabattus, Senators: BAKER of Sagadahoc, KATZ of Kennebec, MIRAMANT of Knox.

TRANSPORTATION

Bill "An Act To Return Fifty Percent of the Fine for a Violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws to the Municipality in Which the Violation Occurred"

(H.P. 27) (L.D. 28)

Sponsored by Representative SHORT of Pittsfield.

Cosponsored by Senator DUTREMBLE of York and Representatives: DEVIN of Newcastle, GILBERT of Jay, GOLDEN of Lewiston, HARLOW of Portland, HUBBELL of Bar Harbor, NOON of Sanford, STANLEY of Medway, VEROW of Brewer.

Bill "An Act To Require Horse-drawn Carriages and Wagons To Be Equipped with Reflectors"

(H.P. 30) (L.D. 31)

Sponsored by Representative STANLEY of Medway.

Cosponsored by Senator COLLINS of York and Representatives: CHIPMAN of Portland, DION of Portland, LAJOIE of Lewiston, LONG of Sherman, MARTIN of Sinclair, SCHNECK of Bangor, WARD of Dedham, Senator: GRATWICK of Penobscot.

Bill "An Act To Amend the Laws Regarding Signs on Interstate Highways in Maine"

(H.P. 31) (L.D. 32)

Sponsored by Representative ESPLING of New Gloucester.

Cosponsored by Senator BRAKEY of Androscoggin and Representative: McCLELLAN of Raymond.

Bill "An Act Regarding Emergency Lights on a Vehicle Used by a Member of a Municipal or Volunteer Fire or Emergency Medical Services Department"

(H.P. 35) (L.D. 37)

Sponsored by Representative EVANGELOS of Friendship. (BY REQUEST)

Bill "An Act To Strengthen the Maine Clean Election Act, Improve Disclosure and Make Other Changes to the Campaign Finance Laws"

(H.P. 32) (L.D. 33)

Sponsored by Representative RUSSELL of Portland.

Committee on **VETERANS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS** suggested.

On motion of Representative RUSSELL of Portland, the Bill and all accompanying papers were **INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Sent for concurrence.

**Pursuant to Statute
Criminal Law Advisory Commission**

Representative McLEAN for the **Criminal Law Advisory Commission** pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 1354, subsection 2 asks leave to report that the accompanying Bill "An Act To Address Suspension of an Operator's License for Negligent Operation Causing the Death of Another Person"

(H.P. 33) (L.D. 34)

Be **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Report was **READ** and **ACCEPTED** and the Bill **REFERRED** to the Committee on **TRANSPORTATION** and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 218.

Sent for concurrence.

By unanimous consent, all matters having been acted upon were **ORDERED SENT FORTHWITH**.

On motion of Representative COOPER of Yarmouth, the House adjourned at 10:42 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 14, 2015, in honor and lasting tribute to the memory of those lives lost due to the recent events in Paris, France.